

The LECS's central claim is that because they must lease their lines to other ISPs, there is no driving reason for them to upgrade these lines to provide a better service to the community. The problem is, the LECS currently don't even bother to take advantage of the abilities of the existing infrastructure. In my area, for example, the only option for acquiring a DSL line which allows end-user hosting is by going through a third party ISP.

If you take away these third party providers, there will be absolutely NO competition with the LECS, and absolutely NO impetice for them to improve their service offerings. Worse, it will actually remove options from the consumer. Is the FCC here to protect the public from unfair use of communication channels, or to shield the Baby Bells from any and all competition?